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SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN

Ock Du Lieber!

Looks like it's time to say goodbye to Doc Ock... and to say hello to Superior Spider-Man!

We know what you're thinking: "We've already seen that story, beginning back in ***Amazing Spider-Man #700.***" While it's true that Marvel did first introduce the "Freaky Friday" version of Superior Spider-Man in that story arc, that's not what you're going to find in December with the launch of ***Superior Spider-Man #1.***

This time around, Doc Ock isn't putting his mind in Peter Parker's body. Instead, Otto Octavius—now located on the West Coast—has decided it's time to reclaim his former superhero identity and prove that he really *is* the Superior Spider-Man!

Does this mean that the ***Superior Octopus*** oneshot slated for October release is now off the schedule? Not at all, according to editor *Nick Lowe.* "Not only is it still on the schedule, but it's awesome and being printed *as we speak!*" Lowe told ***CSN.*** "How and why did the Superior Octopus change to the Superior Spider-Man?! You'd better read ***Spider-Geddon!***"

So if ***Superior Octopus*** *is* still on the schedule, does that make it basically a ***Superior Spider-Man #0***? "NO!" Lowe asserted with a grin. "If you read the original ***Superior Spider-Man*** stories, you know that when Doc Ock was in Peter Parker's body, he used supervillain methods to be a superhero—you're going to see more of that," Lowe said.

When Otto Octavius reclaims his old role in ***Superior Spider-Man,*** however, he has a new plan. "This time he's not trying to be a superior Peter Parker," writer *Christos Gage* told **marvel.com's** *Jamie Frevele.* "He's trying to be the best possible Otto Octavius. [This] includes protecting San Francisco, teaching at Horizon University in his cover identity as Elliot Tolliver, and, of course, doing everything much better than anyone else can—which is why he's still the Superior Spider-Man!

"I had the great pleasure of collaborating with *Dan Slott* on his incredible ***Superior Spider-Man*** run, and I can't wait for people to see this new chapter in Otto's journey toward... redemption? Corruption? Triumph? Tragedy? That remains to be seen. What I *can* tell you is that the appropriately superior artistic team of *Mike Hawthorne, Wade Von Grawbadger,* and *Jordie Bellaire*—titans of their field, all—are absolutely *killing it* on the art."

Will there be any significant interaction between Superior Spider-Man and the real... err, the *Amazing* Spider-Man, in spite of the fact that they're on opposite coasts? "You better believe it," Lowe told ***CSN.*** "We'll see some of it in ***Spider-Geddon***. And with how Otto and Peter are, it's hard to imagine they *aren't* on a collision course eventually."

Amazing Spider-Man readers know that Peter has been struggling, both personally and professionally, with the ramifications of Otto Octavius' prior "forced occupation" of Peter's body. Is there any chance that Octavius might step in to clear Peter's name at some point? "Not likely," Lowe said. "Otto thinks it builds character."

How long will Otto continue on this heroic path? Will some of his villainous ways return sooner or later? "That's the eternal question, right? Can a zebra actually change his spots?" Lowe replied with a cliché-mangling smile.

What other supporting characters from the old ***Superior Spider-Man*** series are going to show up in the new series? "You'll see Anna Maria, Max, some of the Horizon crew, and a few big surprises down the road," Lowe said.

"Already I've had the pleasure of seeing [the artistic team] depict Stilt-Man, the Night Shift, and some rather more heavy-hitting villains who shall remain nameless," Gage said. "Tremble, world, for Otto Octavius is back, better than ever... you're welcome. Oh, and... *The die is cast!*"

The story begins in ***Superior Octopus #1*** by *Christos Gage & Mike Hawthorne,* available in comic shops now. From there, plot threads weave themselves into ***Spider-Geddon***, a five-issue event series running from October to early December. And *that* takes readers right up to the opening pages of ***Superior Spider-Man #1*** by *Christos Gage & Mike Hawthorne,* slated for mid-December release.

by Cliff Biggers

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Buffy Relocates

No, she's not leaving Sunnydale... but she *is* leaving Dark Horse, her comic book home for more than a decade. Dark Horse recently released the final issue of its last ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer*** limited series; the trade paperback of that series is slated for December release. Then, beginning in January 2019, ***Buffy*** has a new home at BOOM! Entertainment (which is also the home of *Joss Whedon's* ***Firefly*** comics now that Dark Horse has lost that franchise). No specific titles, creators, or release dates yet, but BOOM! has plans for ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer*** monthly series, limited series, graphic novels, collected editions, and more. Look for more information in coming issues of ***CSN!***

Coming Comics—DC in December

After the space adventures of the past few issues, Jon (Superboy) and Damian (Robin) take what they think is a peaceful diversion to what winds up being a miracle-machine planet in ***Adventures of the Super Sons #5*** (by *Peter Tomasi, Carlo Barberi, & Art Thibert).* There, they get a look at their potential future selves, including a surprising preview of parenthood!

Richard Wright is a white-passing African-American FBI agent operating in a white-nationalist gang, and his mission to solve the murder of a fellow agent is already going off the rails in ***American Carnage #2*** (by *Bryan Hill & Leandro Fernandez).* While Richard's target, the industrialist Wynn Morgan, discovers some potentially deadly dissension in the ranks, Richard is challenged by Morgan's rebellious thugs to prove his loyalty to the movement in the most dangerous way possible.

In the wake of "Drowned Earth," an amnesiac Arthur washes ashore on a remote island in ***Aquaman #43*** (by the new creative team of *Kelly Sue DeConnick, Robson Rocha, & Daniel Henriques),* and ends up being cared for by a young woman named Callie, who's just a little *too* curious for comfort. And as a lifetime of horror movies has taught us, there's something strange going on in this island village. Aquaman needs to come to his senses quickly... or he might wind up *sleeping* with the fishes instead of chatting with them.

Batman takes on a new partner in ***Batman #60*** (by *Tom King & Mikel Janin)* and it's... the Penguin? After rejecting Bane's crime-boss co-op, Cobblepot finds himself in the crosshairs of some very teed-off villains. The feathered felon turns to his old foe to snitch on Bane's scheme, but has to prove his intentions to avoid a Bat-beatdown. Along the way, this Gotham odd couple begins to bond—could there be a new bird joining the Bat-Family? Not if Bane has anything to say about it...

Professor Pyg is loose in Gotham, and you know that means things are going to get weird... and bloody... in ***Batman #61*** (by the ***Mister Miracle*** creative team of *Tom King & Mitch Gerads).*

Alfred Pennyworth has been Batman's most trusted ally and confidant since the Dark Knight first hit the streets of Gotham City. Now, witness Batman's battle for justice from Alfred's perspective in ***Batman Annual #3*** (by *Tom Taylor & Otto Schmidt),* and learn how harrowing that journey has been as Batman experiences one of the worst nights Gotham City has ever seen—a night that will push Alfred to the breaking point!

When the quest for justice drives Batman into some morally ambiguous areas, he calls in the most moral man he knows: Jefferson Pierce, AKA Black Lightning, and his team of operatives known as the Outsiders!

Several years ago Batman personally put the Barrera family into hiding after they suffered through terrible experiments at the hands of an organization called the Ark. Now all but one of them have turned up dead... and Batman needs to locate Sofia Barrera before the wrong people get their hands on her—and her surprising power! But it wouldn't be Batman without a hidden agenda, would it? And when Black Lightning, Katana, the Signal, and Orphan find out what Batman is really up to, their every loyalty will be called into question in ***Batman and the Outsiders #1*** (by *Bryan Hill & Dexter Soy).*

Scarecrow's endgame is in sight in ***Batman: Kings of Fear #5*** (by *Scott Peterson & Kelley Jones).* He has created a world without Batman for the Caped Crusader to be tortured by. It's a world controlled by crime, where fear always wins!

Left rattled by the events of ***Dark Nights: Metal,*** Bruce Wayne must come face to face with the nightmares spawned from the Dark Multiverse in ***The Batman Who Laughs #1*** (by *Scott Snyder & Jock).* But even though

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THIS WILL SET CRIME BACK YEARS IN THIS CITY!
BUT IT DOESN'T ANSWER THE MILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION—
YEAH- WHERE ARE THE KINGPIN AND THE GOLDEN CLAW?

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evil devoured evil in the collapse of Challengers Mountain, the Dark Knight still has his doubts. He discovers that the Batman Who Laughs not only survived the fight with the Joker at the end of ***Metal***, but now he is enacting a sinister plan across the Multiverse—something both terrifying and oddly familiar. But when Bruce Wayne realizes the only way to stop this madman is to kill him, he must consider violating the very rule Batman won't break... the same rule that created this insatiable villain—the Batman Who Laughs!

In ***Border Town #4*** (by *Eric M. Esquivel & Ramon Villalobos)*, racist high school bully Blake becomes that which he hates the most: a figure of Mexican legend! Transformed into a walking, talking Día de los Muertos skeleton, Blake's possessed by the spirit of Santa Muerte herself, who compels the tortured young man to undertake a most dangerous mission: open the border between worlds—permanently.

While the cops continue to hunt Selina for a murder she didn't commit, Catwoman's forced to take a meeting with secretive crime boss Mrs Creel in ***Catwoman #6*** (by *Joëlle Jones)*. Here's the pitch: work for us or die!

Max is not having the best year of his career. Sales on his comics series are tanking, and his personal life is crumbling. Could it have something to do with his double life as a spy? Max learns the definition of "in too deep" as his worlds start to collide in ***Cover #4*** (by *Brian Bendis & David Mack)*.

Brimstone faces the Lord of Order himself, Doctor Fate, in ***The Curse of Brimstone #9*** (by *Justin Jordan & Eduardo Pansica)*.

It's Damage versus the Justice League in ***Damage #12*** (by *Robert Venditti, Aaron Lopresti, & Matt Ryan)*, and it'll take more than brute strength to win the day.

The ***DC Poster Portfolio: Stanley "Artgerm" Lau TP*** features 20 of Artgerm's most memorable DC covers featuring Supergirl, Catwoman, Batman, Wonder Woman, and others, all reproduced on heavy cardstock paper in 12" x 16" size. Even better, the pages are easily pulled out and suitable for framing.

Deathstroke #38 Wilson must prove his sanity in ***Deathstroke #38*** (by *Christopher Priest & Fernando Pasarin)* so he can stop an alien invasion. Before he can even attempt a breakout, he's got to face off against angry Arkham inmates out to get him. And what's Two-Face's role in all this mayhem?

Commissioner Gordon calls in the Dark Knight Detective when there's a murder at the Gotham City Aquarium—staged to look exactly like Thomas and Martha Wayne's crime scene, right down to the ***Playbill*** and pearls. How does this bizarre homicide tie into the shadowy monster that attacks Dr Leslie Thompkins? Find out in ***Detective Comics #994*** (by *Peter Tomasi, Doug Mahnke, & Jaime Mendoza)*.

The Dreaming has a new master in ***The Dreaming #4*** (by *Simon Spurrier & Bilquis Evely)*. As its rightful steward, Lucien, wrestles with the slow decay of his mind, the realm of wonders slips into totalitarianism beneath the thunderous gavel of Judge Ezekiel Gallows.

Meet the new Strength Force user, Powerhouse, in ***The Flash #60*** (by *Joshua Williamson, Rafa Sandoval, & Jordi Tarragona)*: She's a young rebel using her powers to fight the corrupt police state in Corto Maltese. When Barry learns that she wants to use her superstrength to overthrow the government, he tries to intervene—and ends up tripping into a melee with the new hero instead.

Welcome Earth X, where the Nazis won World War II! Twenty years after invading and occupying America, Germany wiped out all metahuman resistance, including the original Freedom Fighters. Fast-forward to the present day, and a new team of Freedom Fighters emerges to challenge the Nazi occupation once again in ***Freedom Fighters #1*** (by *Robert Venditti & Eddy Barrows)*. But if they're to have any chance of victory, they're going to need Uncle Sam—who disappeared after his original team was killed.

In a near future where humanity's needs are provided for by a godlike AI, it's one young woman's horrible job to do tech support on it. But Cassandra Price's life changes forever in ***Goddess Mode #1*** (by *Zoe Quinn & Robbi Rodriguez)* when she discovers a hidden digital world beneath our own, one where a group of superpowered women are locked in a secret war for the cheat codes to reality.

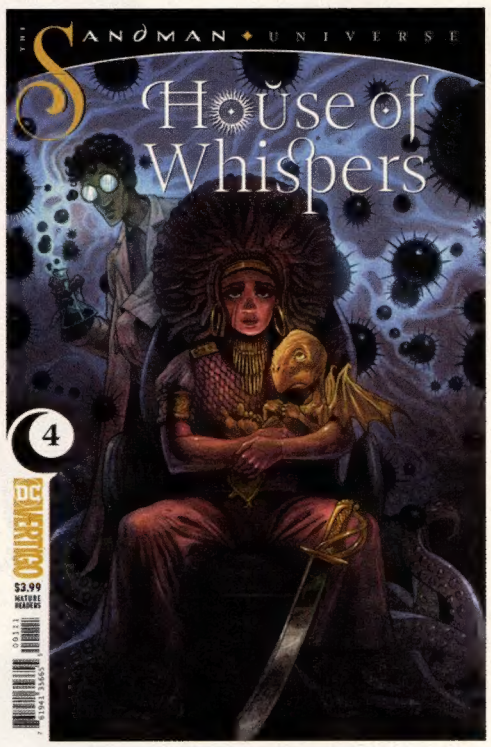
Oliver Queen is in for the shock of his life—in the electric chair—in ***Green Arrow #47*** (by *Julie Benson, Shawna Benson, & German Peralta)*. The vigilante Citizen kidnaps Oliver and subjects him to the court of public opinion on a worldwide broadcast, and a guilty verdict means a death sentence. It's up to Black Canary and attorney Kate Spencer to rescue Ollie so he can expose Citizen's true identity and prove his own innocence.

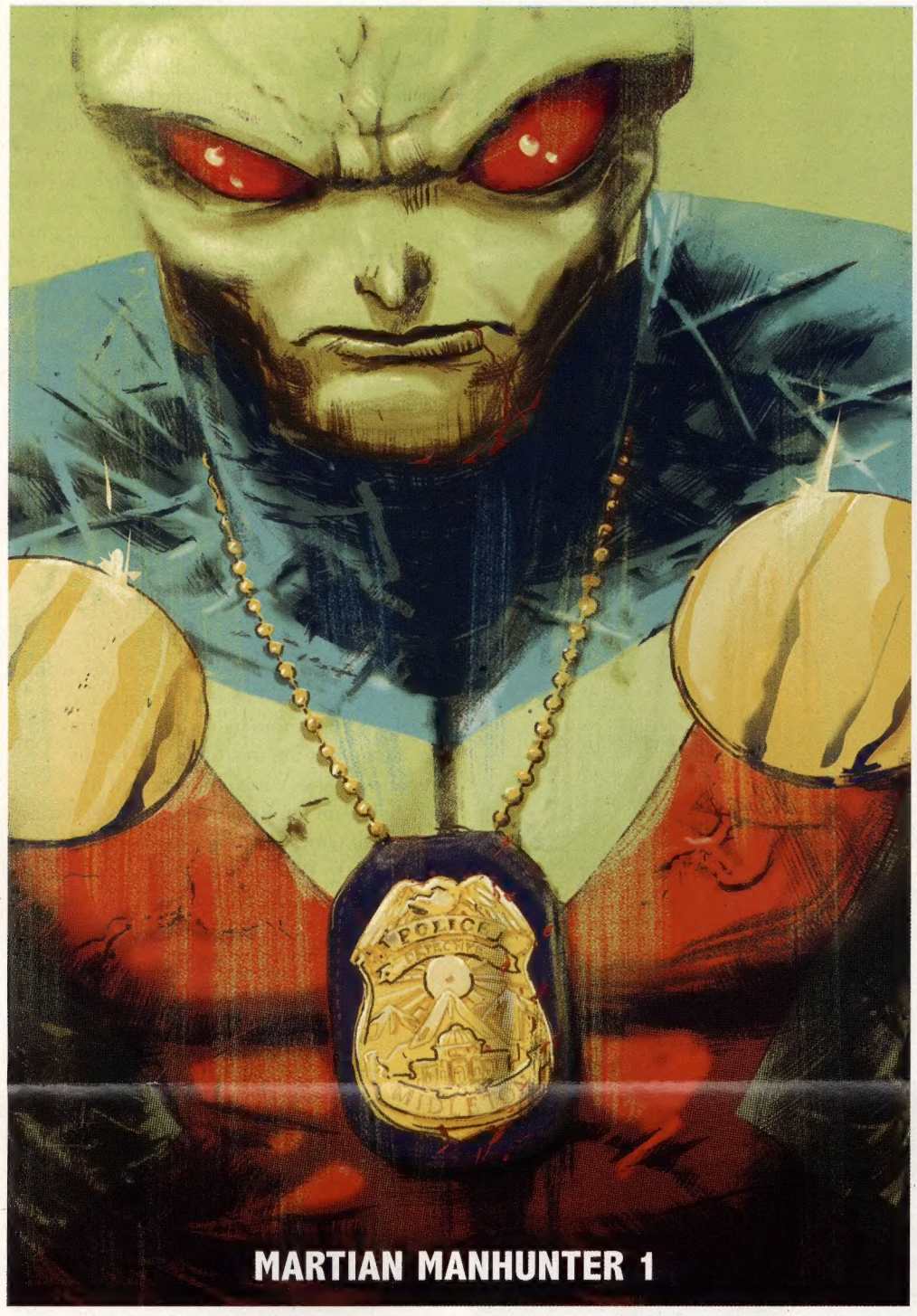
Someone is transporting a mysterious cargo out of the Great Void, and it spells trouble for the universe at large! Hal Jordan interrogates a member of the Spider Guild for answers and uses his pheromones as an interrogation tool, but can he extract the info in time?! Meanwhile, Volgar Ro makes a play for Earth while its emerald protector is off-world in ***The Green Lantern #2*** (by *Grant Morrison & Liam Sharp)*.

Nothing's worse than spending the holidays with your uninvited, unannounced family—just ask Harley. Her brothers won't stop fighting, her dad wants peace and quiet, and her mom just wants everyone to get along. But the dysfunctional family dynamic masks a major secret that the whole Quinn family is keeping from Harley in ***Harley Quinn #55*** (by *Sam Humphries & John Timms)*. Will the big reveal mean an even bigger family blowout, or can Harley's clan end their squabbling and remember the true meaning of the season?

The origin of Hawkman is revealed in ***Hawkman #7*** (by *Robert Venditti & Bryan Hitch)*. Rocketing across the cosmos in his newly recovered spaceship, Carter Hall is en route to the next stop on his adventure through time and space. He doesn't have Netflix to pass the time, but he does have something even better. Locked within the ship's memory banks is the truth behind Carter Hall's reincarnation ability, as well as his connection to the Deathbringers—giant, winged beings of immeasurable power on their way to destroy Earth!

The mysterious infection doctors are calling "Cotard's Delusion" spreads in ***House of Whispers #4*** (by *Nalo Hopkinson & Domo Stanton)*, trapping countless souls in the





Dreaming and leaving their physical bodies yearning for death. To handle her own case of the disease, Latoya decides to go on risky adventures, believing she'll feel alive the closer she gets to death, while her girlfriend Maggie tries to find a true cure.

Martian Manhunter, John Stewart and Hawkgirl avoided "Drowned Earth" with a detour to Thanagar-Prime: J'onn looks to tap into the ancient Martian mental database; GL struggles while practicing his new UV powers, and Kendra searches for answers about her connection to the Totality, in ***Justice League #14*** (by *Scott Snyder, James Tynion IV, Stephen Segovia, Jim Cheung, & Mark Morales).*

The Justice League Dark is trapped in the mystic realm of Myrra, in ***Justice League Dark #6*** (by *James Tynion IV, Daniel Sampere, & Juan Albarran).* Their jailer? Blue Devil... and he wants revenge on Detective Chimp!

The space-faring Justice League travels to a new world that worships Cyborg, in ***Justice League Odyssey #4*** (by *Joshua Williamson & Philippe Briones),* and meets a population that's obsessed with body modification in preparation for a galactic war.

Lucifer is in misery. No longer able to heal his broken body, escape seems further away than ever... until hope arrives in the form of a mad poet in ***Lucifer #3*** (by *Dan Watters, Max Fiumara, & Sebastian Fiumara).*

No matter what you know about J'onn J'onnz, you're not prepared for what *Steve Orlando & Riley Rossmo* are about to reveal in ***Martian Manhunter #1.*** Back on Mars, J'onn was about as corrupt as a law officer can be, and when a reckoning comes for his entire society, he'll get a second chance he doesn't want or deserve! One shocking murder, and an unexpected fragment of the Mars he lost, will change his life—and the course of the Earth—forever!

The latest graduates from the DC Talent Development Workshops show off their skills in the 80-page prestige-format ***New Talent Showcase 2018 #1,*** with stories about some of DC's greatest characters including Batman, Catwoman, John Constantine, Wonder Woman, Zatanna, and more!

The repercussions of the cataclysmic events of ***Batman #55*** continue in ***Nightwing #54*** (by *Scott Lobdell & Chris Mooneyham)* as a scarred Dick Grayson has given up his vigilante persona in favor a normal existence. A new job, new friends, new life—all are compromised when a safehouse full of old Nightwing gear falls into the wrong hands.

Pearl Tanaka wants to become a master tattoo artist, but her Yakuza clan only wants her to hone her inherited assassin skills. But Pearl's growing connection to her opposing-clan counterpart, Rick, opens her eyes to a hopeful world in ***Pearl #5*** (by *Brian Bendis & Michael Gaydos).*

Both Kate and Jason find themselves exiled from Gotham for taking the law into their own hands. But just because they both angered Batman doesn't make them allies... does it? Maybe not, but both are on the trail of a rogue player in the Underlife—the secret cabal of criminal conspirators who play by a shared set of rules—and teaming up in ***Red Hood: Outlaw #29*** (by *Scott Lobdell & Pete Woods)* could be the only way to take him down.

. Before Tonya Lightfoot became Los Angeles' most decorated detective, she was a wee sasquatch roaming the Appalachian mountains, fed a steady diet of tennis and golf (as both of her parents are pros at the local country club) and ***CSI*** episodes. But her idyllic life of pranking campers and squatching around the local golf course hits a bump in the fire road when Bigfoot hunters come to the dense forest. Would Tonya back down in the face of adversity? Not yeti! But experiencing this abominable anti-sasquatch sentiment gives her the determination to leave her home behind—she heads to the dangers of the city in ***Sasquatch Detective #1*** (by *Brandee Stilwell, Ron Randall, & Gus Vazquez).* After all, it's hard to fight unconscious bias, but crime is something America's sassiest sasquatch is ready to tackle.

While the resurrected Fred Jones unleashes his army of monsters on Scooby and the gang in ***Scooby Apocalypse #32*** (by *Keith Giffen, JM DeMatteis, Patrick Olliffe, & Tom Palmer),* Daphne continues to spiral further into guilt and depression, terrified of losing Fred twice. Fortunately, the gang has another secret weapon: Scrappy-Doo and his mysterious mentor.

Billy Batson has uncovered a secret deep within the Rock of Eternity that sends him on his most personal mission yet—one that threatens to tear apart his family—in ***Shazam! #2*** (by *Geoff Johns & Dale Eaglesham).* Meanwhile, the truth behind the Rock of Eternity's purpose and its forbidden past unveils new and familiar worlds. Plus... talking animals?!

Derek's got the cops in his house when he uncovers an important clue that could crack his mother's case wide open in ***Sideways #11*** (by *Dan DiDio & Kenneth Rocafort).* Seems the powers that be at Dark Sciences know about his superpowers, and they've got the paperwork to prove it.

Beneath the ice of the Siberian seas, a final reckoning awaits the Squad in ***Suicide Squad #49*** (by *Rob Williams & Diogenes Neves).* Amanda Waller has been implanted with her very own brain bomb—with Rick Flag's finger on the trigger.

Supergirl and Krypto go back to the "scene of the crime"—the ruins of Krypton —in the extra-length ***Supergirl #25*** (by *Marc Andreyko, Emanuela Lupacchino, Jill Thompson, Brad Walker, & Andrew Hennessy).* With Z'ndr hitchhiking, Supergirl is not only there to find clues on who the killers of Krypton are, but to pay her respects to her dead family and friends for the first time since she left the planet. But a mysterious caretaker whose duty is to protect Krypton's remnants at all costs won't let Kara through! This anniversary issue also includes two backup stories.

Superman must team with General Zod to defeat Rogol Zaar in ***Superman #6*** (by *Brian Bendis, Ivan Reis, & Joe Prado),* or risk banishment for all three in the cold prison of the Phantom Zone forever. Whatever you do, do not skip to the last page—the end of this issue changes the lives of Superman and his family forever, as the Unity Saga continues!

Learn the secret origin of Crush, daughter of Lobo, in ***Teen Titans #25*** (by *Adam Glass & Robson Rocha).* When Crush drags Djinn along on a road trip to find an important item from her past, the two get into hijinks that'd make Thelma and Louise jealous. Crush is on the hunt for Obelus, the mysterious alien chain that once protected her as a child, but here's the kicker—it's in the possession of a man named Ezekiel, who killed Crush's adoptive human parents!

Neon the Unknown, Firebrand, and Hawkman unwittingly discover the birthplace of the Nth metal isotope in ***The Unexpected #7*** (by *Steve Orlando & Ronan Cliquet*), but there's a catch: It exists outside the Multiverse in the dead world of Nil, guarded by one of the Tempus Fuginauts, who has already passed his guilty judgment!

In a world where the United States has declared war on the five families of crime, Valentine Gallo, the made man who was raised as a rogue agent inside the family, is about to make his move in ***The United States vs Murder Inc #4*** (by *Brian Bendis & Michael Avon Oeming*).

Wonder Woman combats the resurrected God of War, Ares, in ***Wonder Woman #60*** (by *G. Willow Wilson, Cary Nord, & Mick Gray*). While trying to stop a war, Wonder Woman appeals to Ares to intervene with her, but he thinks the two parties should fight it out and resolve it themselves.

DC collected editions (advance solicited for January and February release) include:

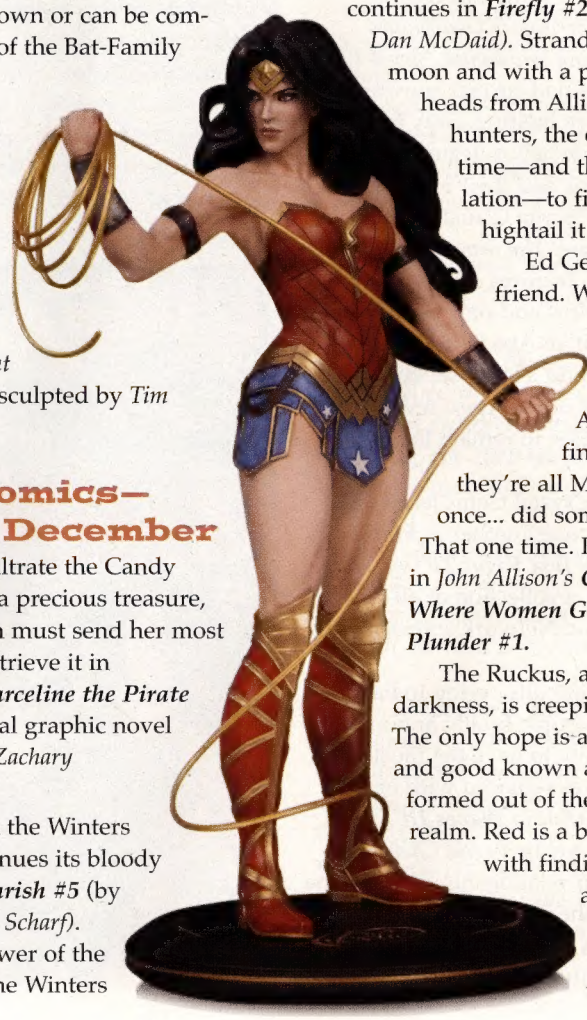
- ***Absolute Swamp Thing by Alan Moore Volume 1 HC,*** an oversized slipcased hardcover collecting ***Saga of the Swamp Thing #s 20–34 & Annual #2.***
- ***Adam Strange: The Silver Age Volume 1 TP,*** collecting stories from ***Showcase #s 17–19*** and ***Mystery in Space #s 53–79.***
- ***Batman by Neal Adams Book Two TP,*** collecting stories from ***The Brave and the Bold #s 86 & 93, Detective #s 397, 400, 402, 404, 407, 408, & 410,*** and ***Batman #219,*** along with a heaping helping of eye-catching covers.
- ***Batman in The Brave and the Bold: The Bronze Age Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***The Brave and the Bold #s 92–109.***
- ***Batman: The Golden Age Omnibus Volume 7 HC,*** collecting tales from ***Detective #s 154–173, Batman #s 56–66,*** and ***World's Finest #s 43–52.***

- ***Batman: Shaman TP,*** collecting ***Legends of the Dark Knight #s 1–5.***
- ***Batman: Troika TP,*** collecting ***Batman #515, Batman: Shadow of the Bat #35, Detective Comics #682, Robin #14, Nightwing: Alfred's Return #1,*** and ***Batman: Vengeance of Bane II #1.***
- ***Batwoman Volume 3: The Fall of the House of Kane TP,*** collecting ***Batwoman #s 12–18.***
- ***Deathstroke, The Terminator Volume 5: World Tour TP,*** collecting ***Deathstroke #s 26–34.***
- ***Detective Comics: Before Batman (Volumes 1 & 2) HC,*** a slipcased set reprinting for the first time the first 26 issues of ***Detective. Volume 1*** will include ***Detective #s 1–13; Volume 2, Detective #s 14–26,*** all scanned from original copies of these rare issues.
- ***Dark Days: The Road to Metal TP,*** collecting ***Final Crisis #s 6–7, The Return of Bruce Wayne #1, Batman (New 52) #s 38–39,*** and more.

- ***Dark Nights: Metal TP*** collecting ***Metal #s 1–6, Batman: Lost #1,*** and ***Dark Knights Rising: The Wild Hunt #1.*** (The latter two were *not* included in the deluxe edition hardcover.)
- ***DMZ Book Five TP,*** collecting ***DMZ #s 60–72.***
- ***Flash Rogues: Reverse-Flash TP,*** collecting ***The Flash #s 139, 197 & 283; The Flash (2012) #8; The Flash: Reverse Flash #23.2; Batman #21;*** and ***The Flash (New 52) #25.***
- ***Green Lantern: Kyle Rayner Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Green Lantern #s 66–75 & Annual #4.***
- ***Hal Jordan and the Green Lantern Corps Volume 7: Darkstars Rising TP,*** collecting ***Hal Jordan #s 42–50.***
- ***Green Lanterns Volume 8: Ghosts of the Past TP,*** collecting ***Green Lanterns #s 44–49.***
- ***Harley Quinn: The Rebirth Deluxe Edition Book Three HC,*** collecting ***Harley Quinn #s 28–42.***
- ***Hellblazer Volume 20: Systems of Control TP,*** collecting ***Hellblazer #s 230–238*** and the ***All His Engines*** graphic novel.
- ***Injustice: Gods Among Us Year Four—The Complete Collection TP,*** collecting ***Injustice: Gods Among Us Year Four #s 1–12 & Annual #1.***
- ***Justice League of America: The Bronze Age Omnibus Volume 3 HC,*** collecting ***Justice League of America #s 147–181.***
- ***Lobo by Keith Giffen & Alan Grant Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Lobo: Infanticide #s 1–4, Lobo: Death and Taxes #s 1–4, Lobo #58, Authority/Lobo: Jingle Hell,*** and ***Authority/Lobo: Spring Break Massacre #1.***
- ***Mister Miracle TP,*** collecting ***Mister Miracle #s 1–12.***
- ***The New Teen Titans Omnibus Volume 4 HC,*** collecting ***New Teen Titans Vol 2 #s 10–31 & Annual #s 1–2*** and more.
- ***Nightwing: The Rebirth Deluxe Edition Book Three HC,*** collecting ***Nightwing #s 29–43.***
- ***The Sandman Volume 4: Season of Mists 30th Anniversary Edition TP,*** collecting ***Sandman #s 21–28*** along with a new cover by *Dave McKean* and a new introduction by comedian and actor *Patton Oswalt*.
- ***Scooby-Doo Team-Up Volume 6 TP,*** collecting ***Scooby-Doo Team-Up #s 31–36.***
- ***Shade, the Changing Woman TP,*** collecting the six-issue miniseries.
- ***Supergirl Volume 5: The Hunt for Reactron TP,*** collecting ***Action Comics #s 881–882, Supergirl #s 44–50 & Annual #1,*** and more.
- ***Superman: Kryptonite Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting ***Superman Confidential #s 1–5 & 11.***
- ***Sweet Tooth Book Three TP,*** collecting ***Sweet Tooth #s 26–40.***
- ***Wonder Woman by Walter Simonson & Jerry Ordway TP,*** collecting ***Wonder Woman #s 189–194.***
- ***Wonder Woman by Brian Azzarello & Cliff Chiang Omnibus HC,*** collecting New 52 ***Wonder Woman #s 0–35, #23.1,*** and more.

Coming in May 2019 from DC Collectibles

- ***Dark Nights: Metal Batman—The Dawnbreaker Statue,*** a sinister fusion of Batman and Green Lantern from the Dark Multiverse, limited to 5,000 copies.
- ***Batman: The Animated Series Gray Ghost, HARDAC, Scarecrow,*** and ***Two-Face Action Figures,*** offered separately as individual 6" figures.
- ***Batman Black & White: Batgirl by Bruce Timm Statue,*** sculpted by *Jack Mathews* and limited to 5,000 pieces.
- ***Bat-Family: Batgirl Multi-Part Statue,*** sculpted by *Chris Dahlberg*. This statue can be displayed on its own or can be combined with the rest of the Bat-Family statues.
- ***DC Cover Girls: Wonder Woman by Joëlle Jones Statue,*** sculpted by *Jack Mathews*.
- ***DC Bombshells: Poison Ivy Sepia Tone Variant Statue,*** based on *Ant Lucia's* designs and sculpted by *Tim Miller*.



Coming Comics—BOOM! in December

When pirates infiltrate the Candy Kingdom and steal a precious treasure, Princess Bubblegum must send her most trusted friends to retrieve it in ***Adventure Time: Marceline the Pirate Queen TP,*** an original graphic novel by *Leah Williams & Zachary Sterling*.

The war between the Winters and the Cartel continues its bloody rampage in ***Bone Parish #5*** (by *Cullen Bunn & Jonas Scharf*). With the terrible power of the Ash behind them, the Winters stand a decent chance. But Ash is not without its dangers, and some of them are already falling to Ash Madness...

The Kerry family is being torn apart over the mother's terrible illness, the deadly Empty Man disease. But when a stranger approaches, promising a cure, they must face how far they are willing to go in ***The Empty Man #2*** (by *Cullen Bunn & Jesus Hervas*).

Born covered in black feathers, abandoned as a baby in the slums of the Maze, Poe has lived his entire 11-year life hidden away, until he meets Bianca, an overprotected girl from the wealthy City beyond the Wall, in ***Feathers TP,*** the debut graphic novel from 2015 *Russ Manning* Promising Newcomer Award Winner *Jorge Corona*.

The untold story of the Unification War continues in ***Firefly #2*** (by *Greg Pak & Dan McDaid*). Stranded on an outer moon and with a price on their heads from Alliance bounty hunters, the crew race against time—and the planet's population—to fix Serenity and hightail it outta there!

Ed Gemmel has a girlfriend. With Christmas looming, it's time to meet her family—in Australia. Which is fine. Who cares that they're all Manly Men? Ed once... did something manly. That one time. Read all about it in *John Allison's* ***Giant Days: Where Women Glow and Men Plunder #1.***

The Ruckus, a terrible, growing darkness, is creeping over the land. The only hope is a being of light and good known as the Great Wiz, formed out of the Wiz's of the realm. Red is a blind Wiz tasked with finding the others—and while he finds some, it becomes all too clear that the fate of the

world rests on the shoulders of a young Wiz named Bean who is too strong, too hot-headed, and too completely untested to be of any real help. See how it all works out in ***The Great Wiz and the Ruckus TP,*** an original graphic novel by *Joey McCormick.*

Join Sarah on her quest through the world of the Labyrinth to save her baby brother Toby from the clutches of Jareth, the Goblin King in ***Jim Henson's Labyrinth: A Discovery Adventure HC*** (by *Kate Sherron & Laura Langston).* Help her navigate fantastical locations alongside her companions Hoggle, Ludo, and Sir Didymus. Each page contains dense artwork with hidden treasures waiting to be found as readers rediscover the magic of the iconic film, where everything seems possible and nothing is what it seems.

The best holiday tradition in comics returns in *Grant Morrison & Dan Mora's* ***Klaus and the Crying Snowman.*** Klaus has to help an absentee-dad-turned-snowman make amends before melting away for good. And probably before he's defeated by a pantheon of Norse Gods and their minions. All in a day's work for Santa Claus!

Planet of the Apes: The Simian Age #1, an extra-length comic, features stories from both the original films and new series canon, including the life of an Ape Soldier in General Ursus's army, and a story set before Dawn of the Planet of the Apes, revealing Koba's early struggles to remain loyal to Caesar.

Steven and the Crystal Gems learn what it means to rely on one another in ***Steven Universe Volume 4: Just Right TP*** (by *Grace Craft & Rii Abrego),* a collection of all-new stories from Cartoon Network's ***Steven Universe.***

After years of difficulty trying to have children, a young couple finally announce their pregnancy, only to have the most joyous day of their lives replaced with one of unexpected heartbreak in ***Waves HC,*** an original graphic novel by *Ingrid Chabbert & Carole Maurel.* Their relationship is put to the test as they forge ahead, working together to rebuild themselves amidst the churning tumult of devastating loss.

When Hexley Daggard Ragbottom sets off to find his Uncle Salazar, he expects to find the most powerful wizard of the modern age. Instead, he finds that Uncle "Sally" only wants to kick back, relax, and stay clear of any kind of wizard politics. So how is Hex supposed to become a great wizard if all the adults are too lazy to teach him? Find out in ***Wizard Beach #1*** (by *Shaun Simon & Conor Nolan).*

BOOM! collected editions (advance solicited for January and February release) include:

- ***Amory Wars: God Apollo, I'm Burning Star IV Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Amory Wars #s 9–12.***
- ***Big Trouble in Little China: Old Man Jack Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Old Man Jack #s 8–12.***
- ***Firefly Legacy Edition Book Two TP,*** collecting ***Leaves on the Wind #s 1–6*** and ***No Power in the 'Verse #s 1–6.***
- ***Garfield: Homecoming TP,*** collecting the four-issue series.
- ***Giant Days Volume 9 TP,*** collecting ***Giant Days #s 33–36.***
- ***Lumberjanes: To the Max Volume 5 HC,*** collecting ***Lumberjanes #s 33–40.***
- ***WWE: The Sami and Kevin Show TP,*** collecting ***WWE #s 13 & 18–20.***

Coming Comics—Valiant in December

Project Rising Spirit is sending Bloodshot on his very first mission: a hostage extraction in Juaréz, Mexico. But, although he's ready for the physical assault of a dangerous assignment, nothing can prepare him for his own shattered memories bubbling up to the surface in ***Bloodshot Rising Spirit #2*** (by *Lonnie Nadler, Zac Thompson, & Ken Lashley).*

Accomplice. Mentor. Savior. And now, Enemy of the State. Seeking to protect other vulnerable superpowered psiots like herself, Livewire plunged the United States into a nationwide blackout with her technopathic abilities, causing untold devastation. After choosing the few over the many, she must now outrun the government she served in ***Livewire #1*** (by *Vita Ayala, Raul Allen, & Patricia Martin).*

After going back on his word to find and apprehend his former lover, the superpowered fugitive called Livewire, Ninjak is now on the run from MI6 in ***Ninja-K #14*** (by *Christos Gage & Robert De La Torre),* the series finale.

Sandria Darque's vile plans are finally clicking into place in ***Shadowman #10*** (by *Andy Diggle & Renato Guedes).* With his allies incapacitated, it's up to Jack Boniface to stop the machinations of this vengeful sorceress —but can he trust in his ability to control the loa spirit bound to him, or will he have to face an ageless enemy completely alone?

With the help of Atom-13, X-O Manowar has succeeded in beating back the forces of the Unknown… But the militant leader of New Eden, now known as the Cartographer, may have yet another surprise up his sleeve in ***X-O Manowar #22*** (by *Matt Kindt & Juan José Ryp).*

Valiant collected editions include:

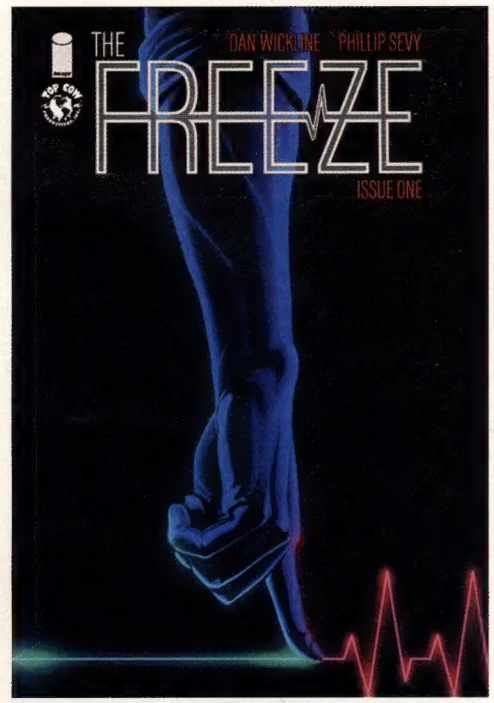
- ***Bloodshot Salvation Volume 3: The Book of Revelations TP,*** collecting ***Bloodshot Salvation #s 10–12.***
- ***Britannia Volume 3: Lost Eagles of Rome TP,*** collecting the four-issue series.

Coming Comics—Image in December

Witness the untold chapter of a Demi-God's story in ***Ares IX: Darkness*** (by *Brendon Hodgon & Balazs Valyogos).* After the Ascension of the IXs, Ares finds himself drawn to a mysterious catacomb. What he finds there will redefine his past, his future, and the entire IXth Generation!

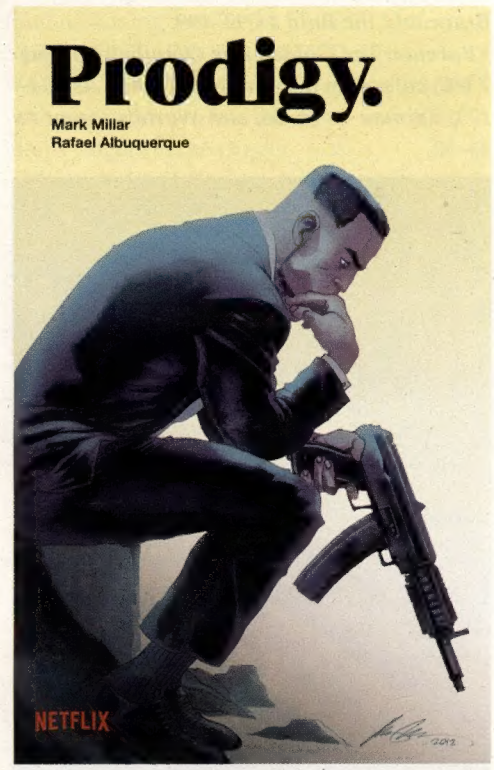
Die #1 (by *Kieron Gillen & Stephanie Hans)* kicks off a dark fantasy tale in which a group of 40-something adults have to deal with the returning unearthly horror they barely survived as teenage role-players. In ***Die,*** fantasy gets all too real...

The entire human population is frozen by a mysterious global event in ***The Freeze #1*** (by *Dan Wickline & Phil Sevy)*... all except Ray, and only he has the power to unfreeze them. Now, with the fate of the world in his hands, he must figure out what is going on,



how to set things right again, and the answer to the question, "Does everyone deserve to be saved?"

Imagine being able to take over the body of anyone on Earth. Sound crazy? Not for Agent Drake and the Hardcore Program. They can turn any person into a human drone to get to targets that normal soldiers can't. Drake is the best soldier Hardcore has to offer. But when he gets stranded in a body with only 72 hours to discover who's hijacked the Program, he'll have to pull out all the stops against an enemy who could be literally *anyone* in ***Hardcore #1*** (by *Andy Digggle, Alessandro Vitti, & Adriano Lucas).*



Edison Crane's not content being the world's smartest man and most successful businessman—his brilliant mind needs to be constantly challenged. He's a Nobel Prize–winning scientist, genius composer, Olympic athlete, and an expert in the occult—and in ***Prodigy #1*** (by *Mark Millar & Rafael Albuquerque),* international governments are calling on him to fix problems they just can't handle.

When chaos besieges the kingdom of Arcadia, warrior Amala Citlali sees it as her

chance to escape her clearly defined role—and to change her destiny. But she could never have predicted that it would also be her chance to confront her God—which is just what she does in ***Self/Made #1*** (by *Mat Groom, Eduardo Ferigato, & Marcelo Costa).*

You liked it so much, he's doing it again in ***Spawn Kills Everyone Too #1*** (by *Todd McFarlane & Will Robson).*

Image collected editions include:

- ***Aphrodite V TP,*** collecting the four-issue series.
- ***Chronicles of Hate Collected Edition of Books 1 & 2 TP,*** compiling the two graphic novels in one hefty volume.
- ***Creature Tech TP,*** re-presenting *Doug Tennapel's* SF/horror/adventure tale, now in full color.
- ***Evolution Volume 2: Adapt and Die TP,*** collecting ***Evolution #s 7–12.***
- ***Farmhand Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Farmhand #s 1–5.***
- ***Fear Agent Final Edition Volume 4 TP,*** collecting 224 pages of ***Fear Agent*** adventure.
- ***Hack/Slash: Resurrection Volume 2—Blood Simple TP,*** collecting ***Hack/Slash: Resurrection #s 7–12.***
- ***Ice Cream Man Volume 2: Strange Neapolitan TP,*** collecting ***Ice Cream Man #s 5–8.***
- ***The New World TP,*** collecting ***The New World #s 1–5.***
- ***Paper Girls Volume 5 TP,*** collecting ***Paper Girls #s 1–5.***
- ***Paradiso Volume 2: Dark Dwellers TP,*** collecting ***Paradiso #s 5–8.***
- ***September Mourning Complete Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***September Mourning #s 1–4.***
- ***Seven to Eternity Volume 3: Rise to Fall TP,*** collecting ***Seven to Eternity #s 10–13.***
- ***Stellar TP,*** collecting ***Stellar #s 1–6.***
- ***Wayward Volume 7: Bound to Fate TP,*** collecting ***Wayward #s 26–30.***
- ***The Wicked + The Divine Book 3 HC,*** collecting ***The Wicked + The Divine #s 23–33.***

Coming Comics—Dark Horse in December

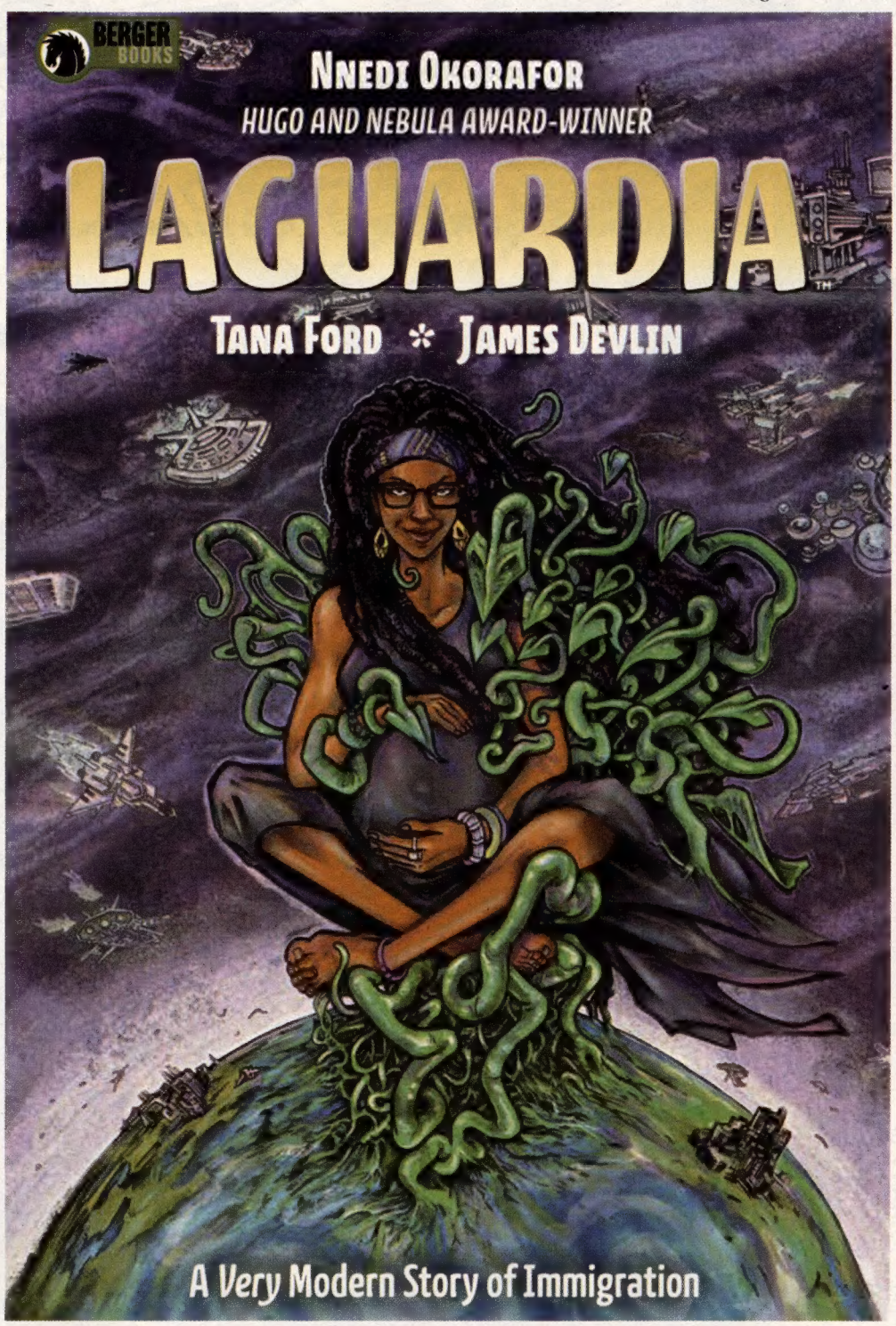
Spawned by the emissary of a Cthulhu god, Cthu-Louise struggles and is teased at school because of her monstrous appearance. Finally fed up with the bullying and abuse, she decides she will do anything to make herself "normal" in ***Black Hammer: Cthu-Louise,*** a oneshot by *Jeff Lemire & Emi Lenox.*

Disney•Pixar's The Incredibles 2: Crisis in Mid-Life! and Other Stories TP presents three original tales in which the family of Supers face challenges of life and villainy—growing up, older, and into their special powers—as they fight together against the bad guys who make heroes like Bob, Helen, Dash, Violet, and Jack-Jack necessary.

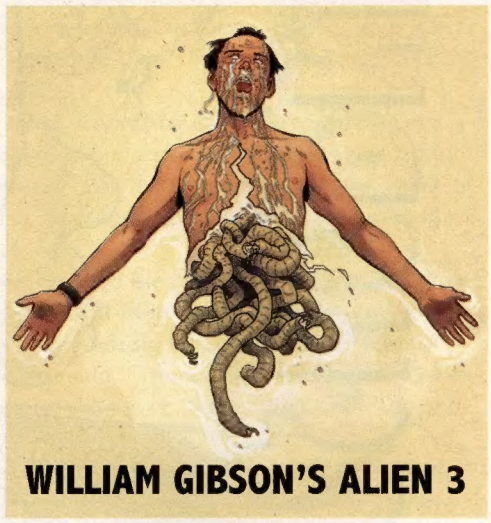
Hellboy Winter Special 2018 presents a trio of wintry stories, including a *Mike Mignola/Ben Stenbeck* tale in which a New Year's Eve séance goes wrong when Hellboy visits a family's English home; *Fábio Moon & Gabriel Bá* revisit ***BPRD: Vampire*** with a new tie-in story, and *Tonci Zonjic* returns to write and draw Lobster Johnson.

Set in an alternative world where aliens have come to Earth and integrated with society, ***LaGuardia #1*** (by *Nnedi Okorafor & Tana Ford)* revolves around a pregnant Nigerian-American doctor, Future Nwafor Chukwuebuka, who has just returned to NYC under mysterious conditions. After smuggling an illegal alien plant named "Letme Live" through LaGuardia International and Interstellar Airport's customs and security, she arrives at her grandmother's tenement, the New Hope Apartments in the South Bronx. There, she and Letme become part of a growing population of mostly African and shape-shifting alien immigrants, battling against interrogation, discrimination, and travel bans, as they try to make it in a new land.

Arkayna, Zarya, Emerald, and Piper—unexpected heroes who together become epic warriors—are drawn together by a prophecy to battle evil in ***Mysticons Volume 2 TP*** (by *Kate Leth & Megan Levens).* In an effort to get Em out of the house, the Mysticons go to the mall, where Em is swept up in the world of a Battle-Bots-style competition, "Machinations." When she and Piper team up and enter the competition, they find themselves battling not only with robots, but also against new friends with scorned feelings.



In ***Stranger Things #4*** (by *Jody Houser, Stefano Martino, & Keith Champagne),* Will "The Wise" is all out of tricks, hunkered down in a makeshift fort and beginning to hallucinate from starvation, dehydration, and the terrors of the Upside Down. Get ready to find out what happens when the Demogorgon finally catches its prey.



With the Sulaco containing more than meets the eye, the UPP team looks to find out what happened to Ripley, Bishop, and company in ***William Gibson's Alien 3 #2*** (by *William Gibson & Johnnie Christmas).* At the same time, the group on the Rodina have discovered that one of their own—Kurtz—may be infected on Anchorpoint, and they use the captured Bishop as a ransoming piece for the return of Kurtz, whom the Rodina crew view as a potential weapon.

Geralt is summoned by an old friend to help solve a mystery involving his daughter in ***The Witcher: Of Flesh and Flame #1*** (by *Aleksandra Motyka & Marianna Strychowska).* Upon arriving to investigate, however, Geralt is surprised by another friend from the past, and he soon finds himself transported to regions beyond his original expectations.

Dark Horse collected editions (advance solicited for January and February release) include:

- ***Bedtime Games TP,*** collecting ***Bedtime Games #s 1–4.***
- ***Berserk Deluxe Edition Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Berserk Vols 1–3*** in a single 7" x 10" hardcover.
- ***BPRD: The Devil You Know Volume 2—Pandemonium TP,*** collecting ***The Devil You Know #s 6–10.***
- ***BPRD: Vampire Second Edition TP,*** an expanded edition that includes the five-issue series, a sketchbook section, a new short story from the ***2018 Hellboy Winter Special,*** and a new introduction by *Fábio Moon & Gabriel Bá.*
- ***The EC Archives: Piracy HC,*** collecting ***Piracy #s 1–7,*** featuring art by *Wally Wood, Jack Davis, Al Williamson, Graham Ingels, Reed Crandall, Bernard Krigstein, George Evans,* and more.
- ***Ether II Volume 2: The Copper Golems TP,*** collecting ***Ether II #s 1–5.***
- ***Mind MGMT Omnibus: The Manager and the Futurist Part 1 TP,*** collecting ***Mind MGMT Vols 1 & 2.***
- ***War Bears HC,*** collecting ***War Bears #s 1–3.***
- ***Xerxes: The Fall of the House of Darius and the Rise of Alexander HC,*** collecting the five-issue series.

SPIDER-MAN

BY STAN LEE, LARRY LIEBER & ALEX SAVIUK

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WHILE THE WEB-SLINGER'S PUTTIN' DOWN THAT CANISTER-
I'M GONNA PUT HIM DOWN-FOR KEEPS!
THWAK
RRRHH
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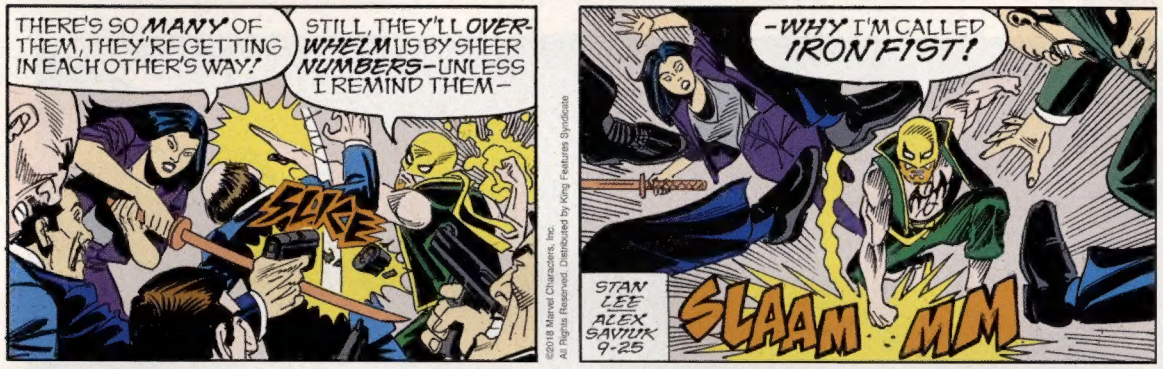
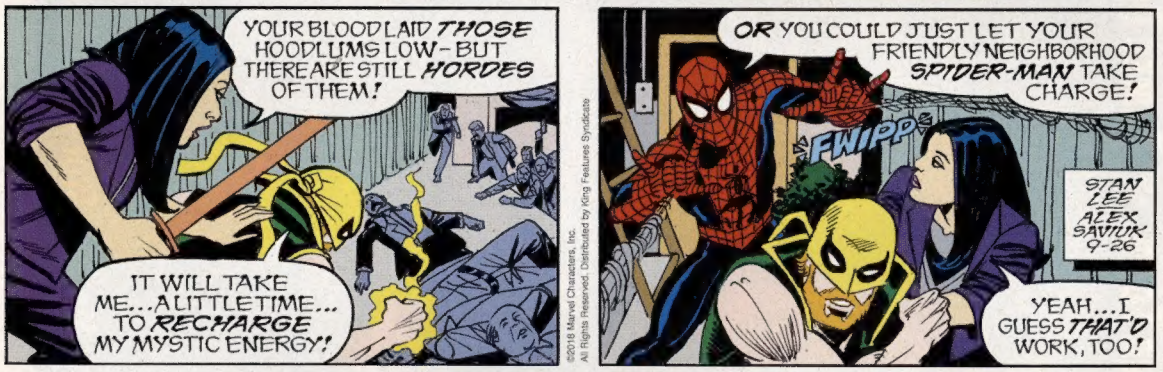
HE'S LUCKY I DIDN'T LET YOU USE YOUR SWORD ON HIM!
BUT HERE COME THE REST OF THEM!


THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM, THEY'RE GETTING IN EACH OTHER'S WAY!
STILL, THEY'LL OVERWHELM US BY SHEER NUMBERS-UNLESS I REMIND THEM-
SLICE
-WHY I'M CALLED IRON FIST!
STAN LEE ALEX SAVIUK 9-25
SLAAM MM


YOUR BLOOD LAID THOSE HOODLUMS LOW-BUT THERE ARE STILL HORDES OF THEM!
IT WILL TAKE ME...A LITTLE TIME... TO RECHARGE MY MYSTIC ENERGY!
OR YOU COULD JUST LET YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN TAKE CHARGE!
FWIPP
STAN LEE ALEX SAVIUK 9-26
YEAH...I GUESS THAT'D WORK, TOO!

WE'RE SURROUNDED: CAN'T WEB-SWING TO SAFETY AND DESERT COLLEEN AND DANNY!
SO HOW COME YOU DON'T LOOK WORRIED ABOUT BECOMING A HUMAN BULLSEYE?
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BECAUSE- I'M WAITING.
WAITING FOR WHAT?
SMASSHH
FOR THAT!
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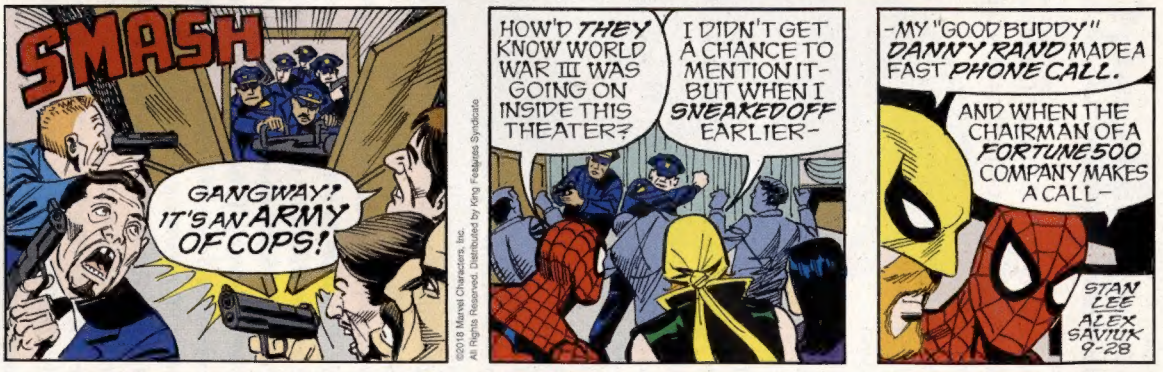
SMASH
GANGWAY! IT'S AN ARMY OF COPS!
HOW'D THEY KNOW WORLD WAR III WAS GOING ON INSIDE THIS THEATER?
I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO MENTION IT- BUT WHEN I SNEAKED OFF EARLIER-
-MY "GOOD BUDDY" DANNY RAND MADE A FAST PHONE CALL.
AND WHEN THE CHAIRMAN OF A FORTUNE 500 COMPANY MAKES A CALL-
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